

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Ashvin Desai      Atty. Docket No. 010284-0257906  
Serial No.: 09/547,708      Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filing Date: April 11, 2000      Examiner: Pellegrino, Brian E.  
For: Secure Stent For Maintaining A Lumenal Opening

**AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 15, 2004, Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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